



National Press Club Event

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**Banking Bailouts Will Prolong America's Second Great Depression  
*Leading advocate for investor safety to issue white paper***

**WHO:** Martin D. Weiss, Ph.D., founder and president of Weiss Research, Inc. Dr. Weiss is a leading advocate for investor safety and is a nationally recognized expert on banking and insurance company solvency.

**WHAT:** Release of white paper "Dangerous Unintended Consequences: How Banking Bailouts, Buyouts and Nationalization Can Only Prolong America's Second Great Depression and Weaken Any Subsequent Recovery."

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 19, 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** National Press Club, 529 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Murrow Room, Washington, DC

**WHY:** Dr. Weiss will make constructive proposals for change, beginning with a recognition and acceptance of the dire realities of our time.

- America's Second Great Depression: Why today's crisis could be more severe than past economic crises, including America's first Great Depression.
- The role of bank triage: Proactively shutting down insolvent institutions, rehabilitating weak institutions and giving better opportunities for strong banks to support a future economic recovery.
- Protection for the ship of state: Steps to safeguard the credit and credibility of the U.S. government even in the worst-case scenario.
- Emergency preparedness: Critical changes that can be made now to protect the American public from the worst impacts of a depression.
- Next casualties: Among the 15 institutions cited as partners of AIG, two are among the five largest players in the U.S. derivatives market, with great vulnerabilities to derivatives losses overall, and one other is likely

to also be heavily involved: Bank of America, NA, HSBC Bank USA and JPMorgan Chase.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Martin D. Weiss, Ph.D., along with Weiss analyst Mike Larson, are the only analysts in the U.S. who have specifically named nearly all of the major institutions that have suffered a financial failure in this crisis, whether in the form of a forced buyout, a government bailout or outright bankruptcy. Moreover, Weiss' failure warnings were issued without ambiguity and with months of advance lead time, giving the public ample time to escape the dangers.

Weiss predicted the demise of Bear Stearns 102 days prior to its failure, Lehman Brothers (182 days prior), Fannie Mae (eight years prior), and Citigroup (110 days prior). Similarly, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) reported that, in the 1990s, Weiss greatly outperformed Moody's, Standard & Poor's, A.M. Best and D&P (now Fitch) in warning of future insurance company failures. (See <http://archive.gao.gov/t2pbat2/152669.pdf>.)

In his presentation, Weiss will outline the next likely financial casualties, what consumers can do to protect themselves, and how government can best lay the groundwork for a future recovery.

## **PREVIOUS WHITE PAPERS BY WEISS RESEARCH, INC:**

**October 3, 2008.** Many Banks and Thrifts Overly Reliant on "Hot Money" Deposits.  
<http://www.weissgroupinc.com/FDICReport/FDICReport.pdf>

**September 25, 2008.** Proposed \$700 Billion Bailout Is Too Little, Too Late to End the Debt Crisis; Too Much, Too Soon for the U.S. Bond Market.  
[http://www.weissgroupinc.com/bailout/Bailout-White-Paper-Sept-24-2008\(2\).pdf](http://www.weissgroupinc.com/bailout/Bailout-White-Paper-Sept-24-2008(2).pdf)

**July 19, 2007.** How Federal Regulators, Lenders, and Wall Street Created America's Housing Crisis. Nine Proposals for a Long-Term Recovery.  
<http://www.weissgroupinc.com/whitepaper1/>

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